

# Digging Up Burials

Using the Michigan Cemetery  
Sources Database

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# Presentation Overview

- ★ History of the Michigan Cemetery Sources Database and Cemetery Atlas
- ★ What you can expect to find in the database
- ★ How to search the database
- ★ How to use your search results
- ★ Other parts of the MCS website



# History of the Michigan Cemetery Sources Database

- ★ The project began as a book, the *Michigan Cemetery Source Book* (1994), which was accompanied by the *Michigan Cemetery Atlas* (1991).
- ★ Why hasn't the book been updated?
- ★ Why a database?



# What can researchers expect to find in the database?

- ★ Names and locations of most cemeteries in Michigan
- ★ Names and locations of burial lists or readings of many Michigan cemeteries
- ★ Suggestions for borrowing copies of burial lists
- ★ Links to many burial lists on the Internet



# What can researchers expect **NOT** to find in the database?

- ★ Names of individuals
- ★ Death dates for individuals
- ★ Out of state information
- ★ Vital records, obituaries and the like
- ★ Etc.





# How to search the database for burial lists

Direct your Internet browser to  
<http://www.hal.state.mi.us/cemeteries/>





## Michigan Cemetery Sources

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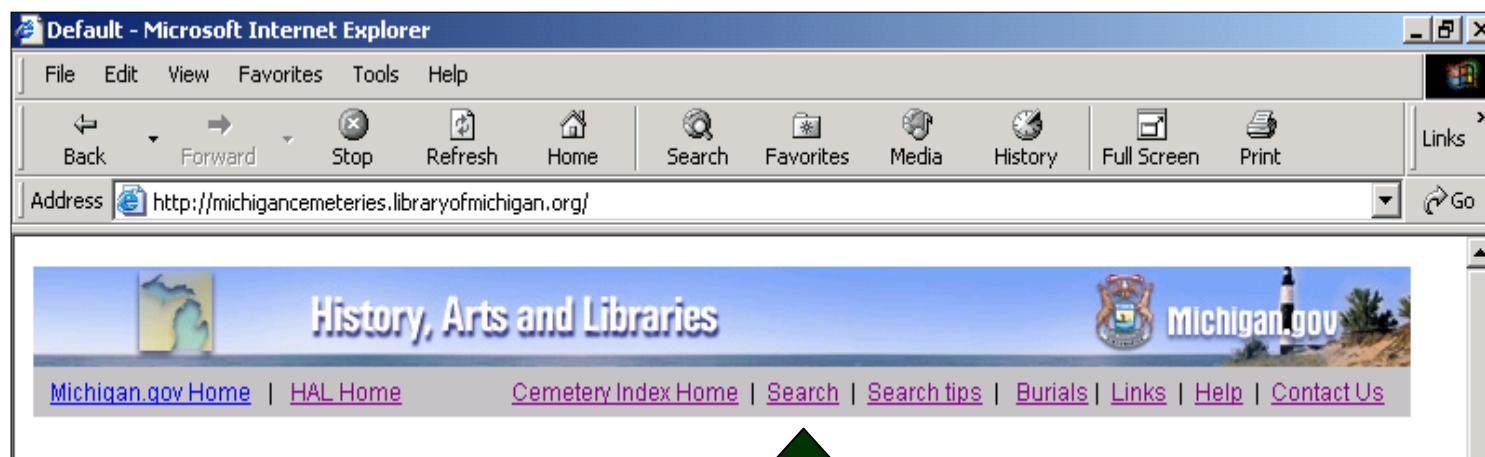
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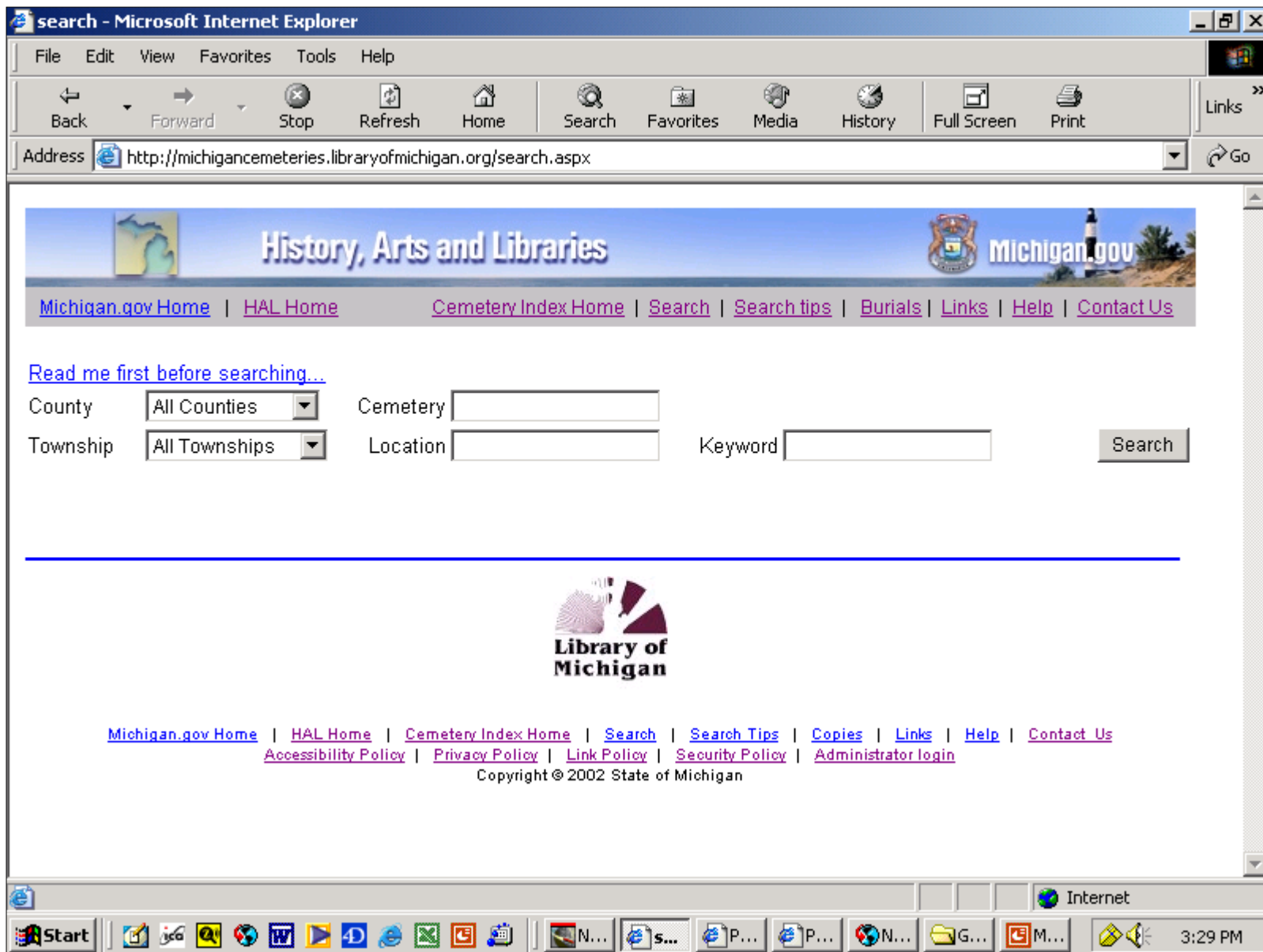
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Much of this researchable information was published in the Michigan Cemetery Atlas and the Michigan Cemetery Sources Book. The web

# Click on "Search" to get started.







# The search box

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All Counties ▼

Cemetery

Township

All Townships ▼

Location

Keyword

Search




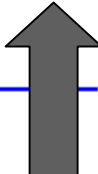

# Searching by county

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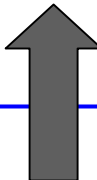


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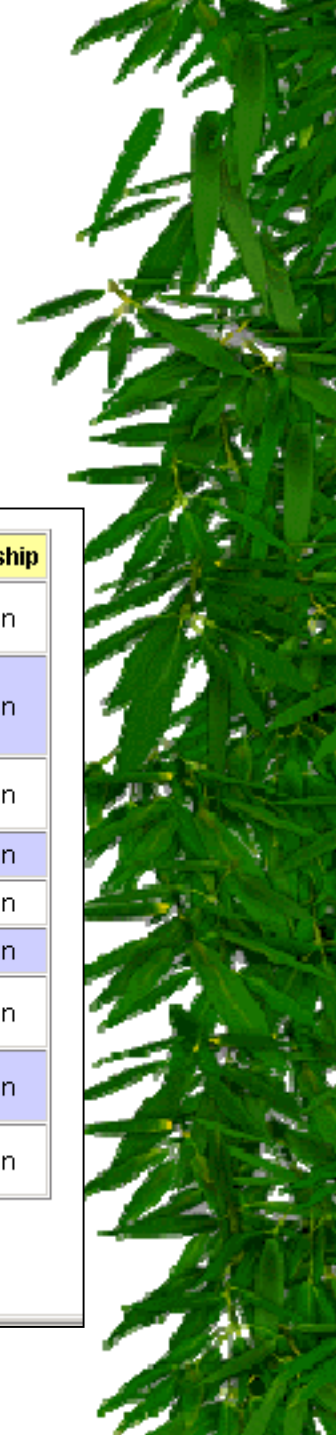
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# Cemeteries in Nankin Twp., Wayne County



	Cemetery	Location	County	Township
<a href="#">view</a>	Cadillac Memorial/Cadillac Memorial Gardens West	Section 9, West Ford Road, Westland.	Wayne	Nankin
<a href="#">view</a>	Canong/Ganong/William Ganong	Section 35, Henry Ruff Road 1/4 mile south of Annapolis Road and 1/4 mile north of Van Born Road, Westland.	Wayne	Nankin
<a href="#">view</a>	Chubb	Section 7, Warren Road 1/4 mile west of Hix Road, Westland.	Wayne	Nankin
<a href="#">view</a>	Clairview/Westlawn	Section 27, 31472 Michigan Avenue/US-12, Wayne.	Wayne	Nankin
<a href="#">view</a>	Eloise	Section 35, Henry Ruff Road, Westland.	Wayne	Nankin
<a href="#">view</a>	Glenwood	Section 34, Glenwood and Venoy Streets, Wayne.	Wayne	Nankin
<a href="#">view</a>	Maple Grove/Van Akin/Memorial Park/Maplegrove	Section 1, off Ann Arbor Trail east of Middle Belt Road, Westland.	Wayne	Nankin
<a href="#">view</a>	Michigan Avenue/Old Wayne	Section 33, Michigan Avenue/US-12 and Elizabeth Street, Wayne.	Wayne	Nankin
<a href="#">view</a>	Saint Mary's Catholic	Sections 33 and 34, Michigan Avenue/US-12 and Howe Street, Wayne.	Wayne	Nankin

Printable View



# Location of and burial lists for Old Wayne Cemetery

## Cemetery Detail

**Name** Michigan Avenue/Old Wayne  
**Location** Section 33, Michigan Avenue/US-12 and Elizabeth Street, Wayne.  
**County** Wayne  
**Township** Nankin

Click "view" to see other cemeteries in a source.

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<a href="#">view</a>	Cemetery Records of Nankin Township, Wayne County, Michigan. [No. 6 on microfilm reel]	1930	<a href="#">F574.N35 C454 1930z</a>	<a href="#">F572.W4 D45 1937a</a>	
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**Description** Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine, v.66:2 Gene Periodicals 2  
South

**Publication Date** 2003

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## Cemeteries linked to this Source Record:

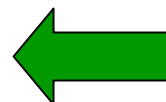
Cemetery	Location	County	Township
Hinton	Section 15, 90th Avenue, Lakeview.	Mecosta	Hinton
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# *Cemetery Records of Nankin Township*



**Title** Cemetery records of Nankin Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

**Publisher** [Plymouth, Mich. : Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 193-?].



LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS
<a href="#">LIB OF MICH - MICH 2N (NON-CIRC)</a>	<a href="#">F574.N35 C454 1930z</a>	CHECK SHELF

**Description** 71, 19 leaves : map ; 28 cm.

**Note** Typescript (carbon copy).

**Subject** [Cemeteries -- Michigan -- Wayne County.](#)  
[Cemeteries -- Michigan -- Nankin \(Township\)](#)  
[Wayne County \(Mich.\) -- Genealogy.](#)  
[Nankin \(Mich. : Township\) -- Genealogy.](#)

**Added Author** [Daughters of the American Revolution. Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter \(Plymouth, Mich.\)](#)

Permanent record link  : <http://magic.msu.edu/record=b4255506a>

# Decoding Locations in the Library of Michigan

## **Mich Docs Official**

The library keeps all first copies of Michigan documents in the closed Official Collection on the 5th floor. While this collection is not open to the public, these materials are easily retrieved for public use. Please ask at any reference desk for assistance. Library staff must hold a patron's picture ID while these documents are in use.



## **Michigan & Michigan Non-Circ 2 North**

The **Michigan collection** is shelved on the north side of the 2nd floor. If the Library has multiple copies of a publication in this collection, the additional copies may be checked out. If the Library owns only one copy, the item does not circulate and may be used in-house only.

## **Microfilm 2 S**

**Microfilm** boxes are shelved by Library of Congress call number in the southwest corner of the 2nd floor. Many readers and printers are available for patron use in this area.

## **Microfilm Papers 2 N**

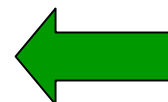
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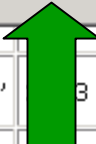
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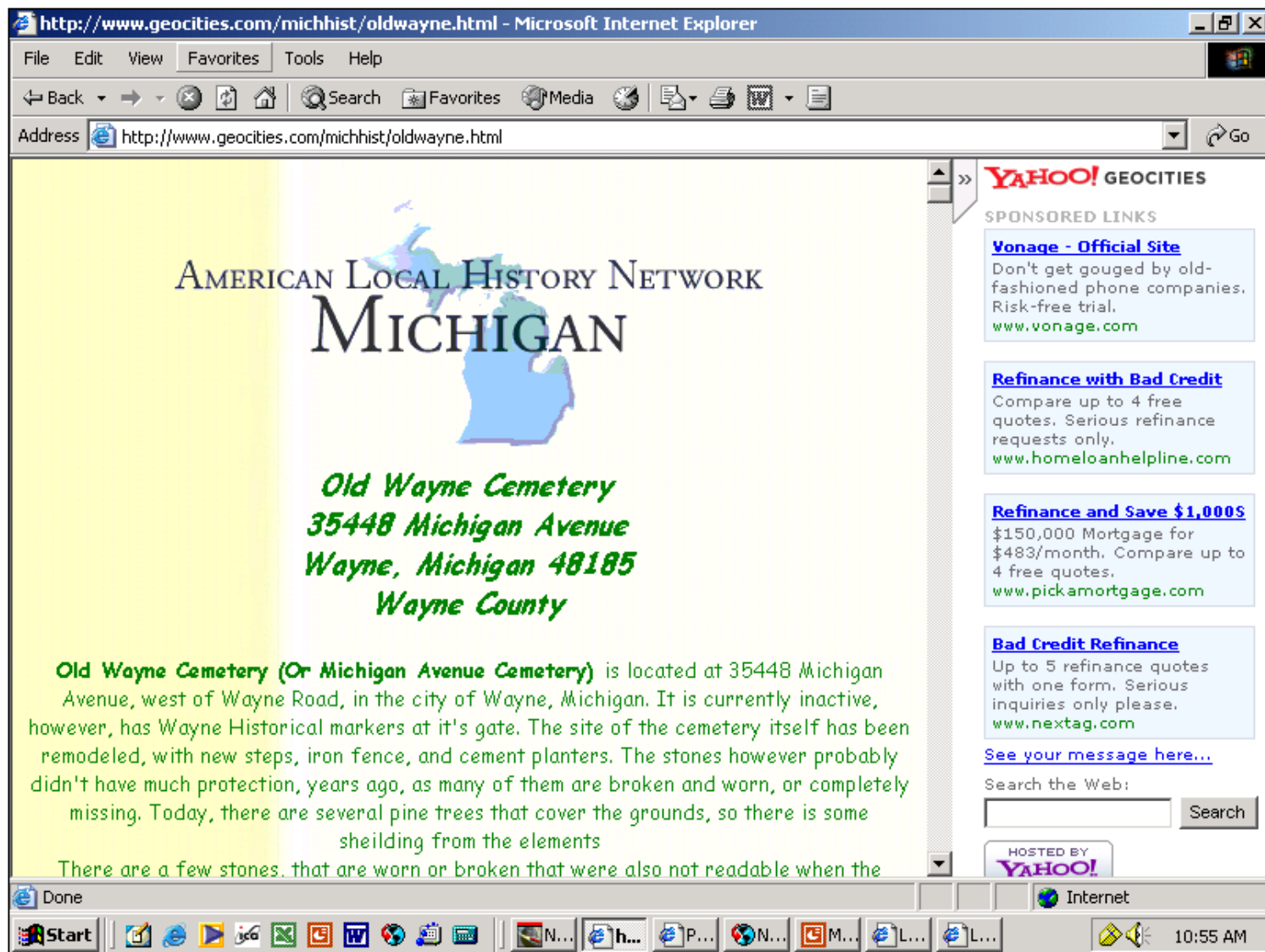
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# More of the destination site

**ADAMS**, Robert died 1856 **stone broken info obtained from Archives** born January 1805 Co Antrim, Ireland died 1856

**ADAMS**, Ursula died February 10, 1875 "aged 80 yrs 11 mths 22 dys"

**ALEXANDER**, James D. died May 20, 1861 "aged 38 yrs 8 mths 25 dys"

**ALEXANDER**, Charlotte Hall died April 15, 1915 "aged 90 yrs 1 mth 7 dys"

**ALEXANDER**, James Hall died May 26, 1882 "aged 24 yrs 5 mths 28 dys"

**ALEXANDER**, "Baby" died August 28, 1881 "aged 8 mths 26 dys"

**ALIGHEN**, Elizabeth "wife of **William**" died January 24, 1854 "aged 25 ys 2 mths 21 dys"

**ALIGHEN**, Elizabeth died March 14, 1853 "aged 1 yr 3 mths"

**ALLARDYCE**, William died 1863 "aged 53 yrs"

**ALLARDYCE**, James A. "son" died 1867 "aged 10 yrs 9 dys"

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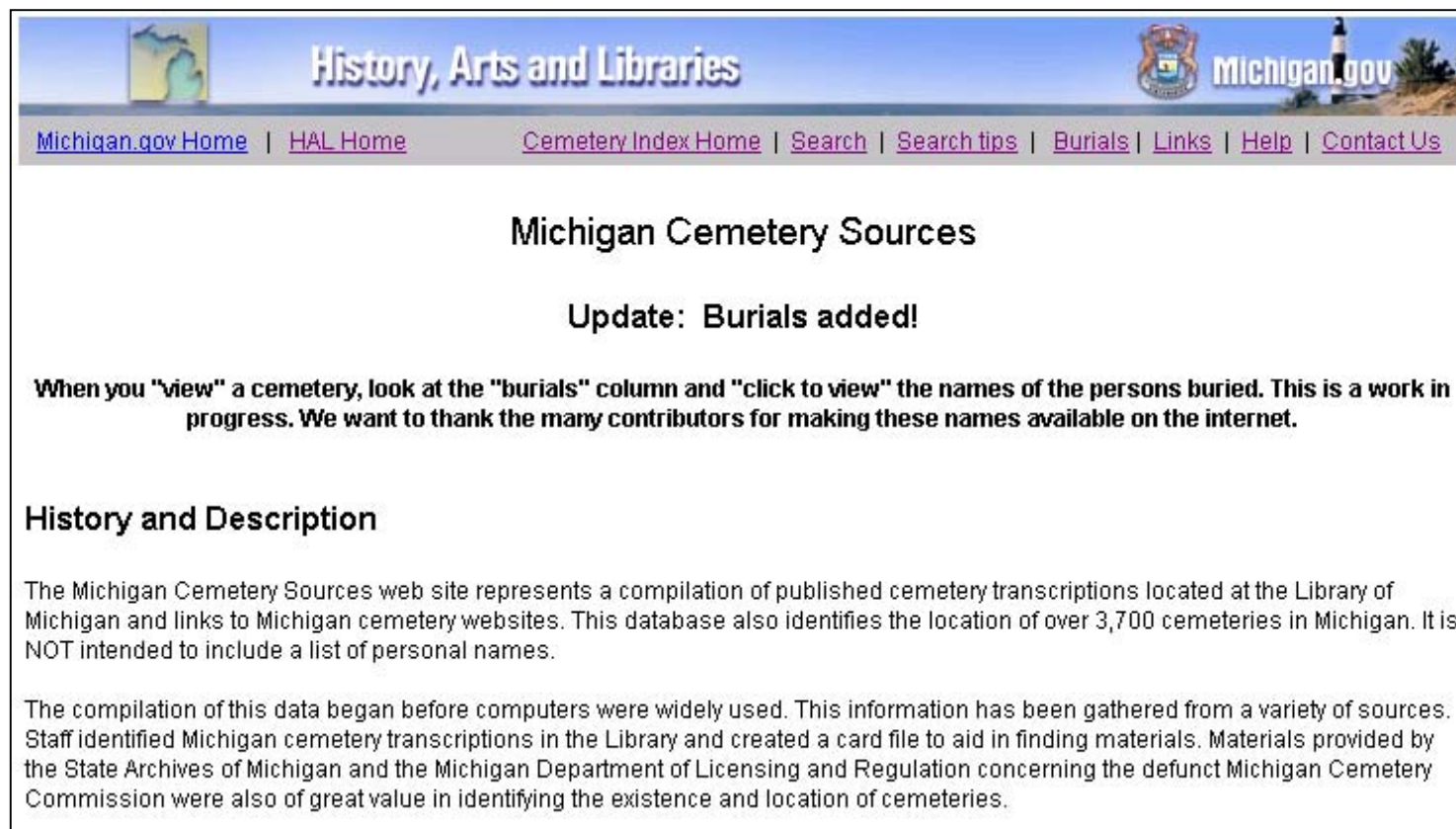
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# Other areas in the Cemetery Sources website



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# "Search Tips" Page

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- You can search by an individual county, township, cemetery name, or any combination of these.
- Searches are NOT case sensitive. You can search for lansing, Lansing, or LANSING.
- When searching for cemetery names such as St. John or Mt. Hope, Saint or Mount should be spelled out.
- You do NOT need to include apostrophes. For example, you can use either o'dell or odell.
- Remember that the date listed for each title is the publication date of the transcription, not the date of the headstone reading itself.
- If you are having difficulty locating a specific cemetery, try searching just one field or using a keyword search.
- Any questions about this site should be forwarded to the Help Desk at [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov)



# No Truncation -- one result

mary's

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Township	<input type="text" value="All Townships"/>	Location	<input type="text"/>	Keyword <input type="text"/>
				<input type="button" value="Search"/>

	Cemetery	Location	County	Township
<a href="#">view</a>	Marysville City/Riverlawn	Section 6, Ribbon Farm No. 255, N. River Road, Marysville.	Saint Clair	Saint Clair

# End Truncation – more results

Mary

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County  Cemetery   
Township  Location  Keyword

	Cemetery	Location	County	Township
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<a href="#">view</a>	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Indianville Catholic Cemetery/Saint Mary's	Section 18, Indian Road north of the Perry Road intersection.	Cheboygan	Burt
<a href="#">view</a>	Assumption/Saint Mary's Catholic	Section 21, Winston Road and 88th Avenue, Rothbury.	Oceana	Grant
<a href="#">view</a>	Barker Creek/Saint Mary's	Section 32, Route M-72, Rapid City.	Kalkaska	Clearwater
<a href="#">view</a>	Berlin/Marne/Old Saint Mary's	Section 2, Hayes and State, Marne.	Ottawa	Tallmadge
<a href="#">view</a>	Blessed Virgin Mary's Catholic/Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary	Section 8, Mill Street, Sebewaing.	Huron	Sebewaing
<a href="#">view</a>	Calvary/Mount Calvary/Saint Mary's	Section 5, Black River Road, Cheboygan.	Cheboygan	Benton
<a href="#">view</a>	Calvary/Saint Mary's Calvary Catholic	Section 7, Saint Mary's Street, Mount Morris.	Genesee	Genesee
<a href="#">view</a>	Cone Catholic/Saint Mary's	Section 17, on Welch Road, west of Dennison Road.	Monroe	Milan
<a href="#">view</a>	Froh/Poor Farm/Saint Joseph County Infirmary	Section 3, US-12 Sturgis.	Saint Joseph	Fawn River

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# No Truncation – one result

b'nai or bnai

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## 7 results

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Township  Location  Keyword

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<a href="#">view</a>	B'nai David/Bnai David	Section 21, 9535 Van Dyke Road/M-53 and Traverse Street, Detroit.	Wayne	Hamtramck
<a href="#">view</a>	B'nai Israel Memorial Garden	43300 West 12 Mile Road, Novi.	Oakland	Novi
<a href="#">view</a>	B'nai Jacob/Workmen's Circle/Beth Yehuda/Beth Yehudah/Turover Aid Friendship Society/Stoliner/Beth Isaac/Turover Shul/Yiddishe Folks Farein/Beth Schmu'el/Beth Shmu'el/Ostrowitzer/Zamosc/Tomashover/I.D.L./Independent Detroit Lodge	Section 34, 33550 S. Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Township.	Macomb	Clinton
<a href="#">view</a>	B'nai Sholom	Section 28, east side of Crystal Avenue near intersection of Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor.	Berrien	Benton
		Section 19.		



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# **"Links" Page (highlights)**

- ★ **Michigan Cemetery Locations – Map Michigan**
- ★ **Sources of Burial Lists – Internment.net; MiGenWeb; USGenWeb**
- ★ **Other Burial Databases – Irwin I. Cohn Michigan Jewish Cemetery Index; JewishGenOnline Worldwide Burial Registry; St. Clair County Cemetery Index**
- ★ **We add to this periodically.**



# "Help" Page (Highlights)

- ★ **What is the *Michigan Cemetery Sources* web site?**
- ★ **Why can't I find any personal names online in the cemetery I'm looking at?**
- ★ **Why isn't there a transcription available for the cemetery I am researching?**



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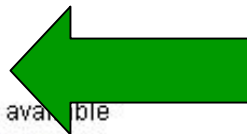
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